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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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LOANS TO SUGAR MILLS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government sanctions loan from Sugar Development Fund to the sugar factories for Research development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether large number of proposals of sugar factories from Maharashtra seeking loans have been received by the Union Government during the last two years;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which sanctions are likely to be accorded by the Union Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a)&(b): The Central Government does not sanction loans from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) to sugar factories for research development. The Central Government authorises payment of grants from the SDF to established institutions connected with the sugar industry for carrying out research aimed at the promotion and development of any aspect of sugar industry.

The Central Government also authorises payment of loans from the SDF to sugar factories

(i) in connection with the development of sugarcane in its area, and
(ii) for modernisation/ rehabilitation of its plant and machinery.

(c),(d)&(e): In the period commencing 1.4.2000 till date, applications from 9 sugar factories were received seeking loans for modernisation, out of which loan has been sanctioned in respect of 7 applications and 2 applications are under process. In the same period, applications from 26 sugar factories seeking loan for sugarcane development have been received out of which in respect of 20 applications further information/details have been called for from the applicant sugar undertakings, in the case of 2 applications loan has been sanctioned and in the case of 4 applications order for sanctioning of loan are under process.